

- b) one or more straight chain monocarboxylic acids selected for the group consisting of pentanoic acid, hexanoic acid, heptanoic acid and octanoic acid [having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical]; and
 - c) 12-hydroxystearic acid.
2. (Amended) The rheological additive of Claim 1 wherein the reaction product comprises:
- a) 2 equivalents of said diamine;
 - b) from 0.4 to 1.8 equivalents of one or more of said straight chain monocarboxylic acids [having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical]; and
 - c) from 1.6 to 0.2 equivalents of 12-hydroxystearic acid.
3. (Amended) The rheological additive of Claim 2 wherein the reaction product comprises:
- a) 2 equivalents of ethylene diamine;
 - b) from 0.4 to 1.6 equivalents of one or more of said straight chain monocarboxylic acids [having 3 to 7 carbon atoms in the straight chain saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical]; and
 - c) from 1.6 to 0.2 equivalents of 12-hydroxystearic acid.

Please cancel Claims 4 and 5.